

# MAN MACHINE INTERFACE 攻殻機動隊

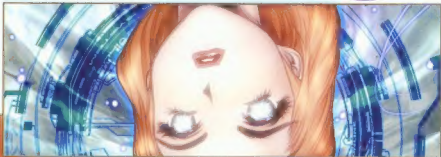
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TO MOTOKO, A CYBORG OF THE KNOWN LIMITS, ALL ACTIVE DRIVES ARE HER BODY, AND ALL ACTIVE SOURCE IS HER MEMORY. THESE ASPECTS OF HER ARE IN PERPETUAL CHANGE, BUT PERIODICALLY HER "LIVING PARTS" DEMAND FUEL AND SLEEP, REMINDING HER OF HER BASIC ORIGINS. BOTH PHYSICS AND INFORMATION SHAPE HER REALITY. TOGETHER THESE ENTWINE TO MAKE A LIFE, THE LENGTH OF WHICH NO ONE CAN FORSEE...



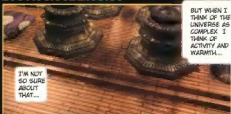


YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT AT IT'S COOLEST POINT THE UNIVERSE IS ALSO AT IT'S MOST COMPLEX?

ACCORDING TO THE WRITINGS OF SCHOLARS, THE UNIVERSE STARTED WITH A SIMPLE BIG BANG, BUT IT'S EVER COOLING AND CRYSTALLIZING. LIFE FORCE IS AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOREVER ADVANCING IN COMPLEXITY.

## 01 PROLOGUE

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I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT...

BUT WHEN I THINK OF THE UNIVERSE AS COMPLEX I THINK OF ACTIVITY AND WARMTH...



THIS IS A WORLD OF EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRONS.

THE OBJECTS OF THIS CRYSTALLIZATION ARE THE FRAGMENTS WHICH HAVE STOPPED ADVANCING IN COMPLEXITY





RIGHTEOUSLY CHOSEN SOUL SEEKER, YOUR FATE IS TO DISCOVER THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MOST COMPLEX ELEMENT IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE.

YES

A DISTURBANCE HAS APPEARED ABOUT EVERY 1000 YEARS IN THE SANSHAJYU OF HEAVEN-ON-EARTH



THE IMAGE KNOWN AS "SANSHAJYU" (OR AN IMAGE SEEN BY SPIRITUAL MEANS) IS ONE OF MANY CONCEPTS WHICH THEORIZE ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE. IT IS SAID THAT 16 LAYERS OF IRREVERSIBLE ELEMENTS MOVE THREE BRANCHES, WITH ONE FULL TURN OF THEM EQUAL TO THE LIFETIME OF THE PRESENT UNIVERSE. AMONG ALL THE CONCEPTS THAT FORM IN THE MINDS OF HUMANS THIS ONE IS UNDOUBTEDLY UNIQUE.



AND  
WHAT OF  
THE  
OTHER  
PARENTAL  
SOUL?



I'VE CONFIRMED  
IT WITH THE  
OCEAN PATROL  
"SHIRASHI" AND  
OUR SPECIAL  
FORCES THERE.

PROFESSOR RAHMAN-  
BOL, THOUGHT TO BE  
THE CREATOR OF  
THIS COMPLEX  
ELEMENT, WAS  
ATTACKED AND  
KILLED BY PIRATES  
AFTER MEETING WITH  
A MATHEMATICIAN IN  
INDIA.



ALL  
IS  
WELL  
NOW

THE TRACES  
CHANGED SO  
OFTEN THAT I  
COULDN'T BE SURE  
BUT...



SO FORTH  
AND CARRY  
OUT YOUR  
DUTIES.  
TRUTH WILL  
BE WITH YOU.

THE  
TIME IS  
APPROACH-  
ING...



SHE NOW  
CALLS  
HERSELF  
MOTOKO  
ARUMAKI.



THE TEMPORARY  
CONFUSION  
FOLLOWING THE  
FUSE WAS SUB-  
SIDED, AND SHE  
IS NOW FAIRLY  
STABLE.

SHE HAD ALREADY  
REALISED HER SITU-  
ATION AND FUSED  
WITH A DIFFERENT  
SOUL, THE MOST  
RECENT BEING  
ABOUT A YEAR AND  
A HALF AGO...

YES

N13°10'32.9 E148°22'45.6

SPEED 15 KNOTS - 83 MINUTES TO THE CONTROL ZONE OF OCEAN CITY POSEIDON



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IF THERE ARE  
NO ERRORS  
SCAN TO SEE  
IF THERE'S A  
WHITE  
RACCOON-DOG  
ON THE DECK  
OR NOT!

HUH?

LOKI!  
GONAMI!  
RE-CHECK  
THE SELF-  
DEFENSE  
MECHA-  
NISM!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD  
OF A RACCOON-DOG?  
THEY'RE IN ALL THE  
ANIMAL GUIDESBOOKS.

SELF-DEFENSE  
MECHANISM CHECK  
CLEAR. A WHITE  
RACCOON DOG? ...  
WHAT'S THAT THE  
CODE PORT?

HURRY  
UP. DO  
YOUR  
JOB!



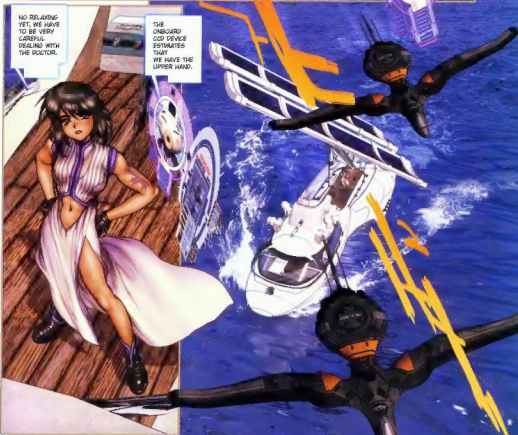








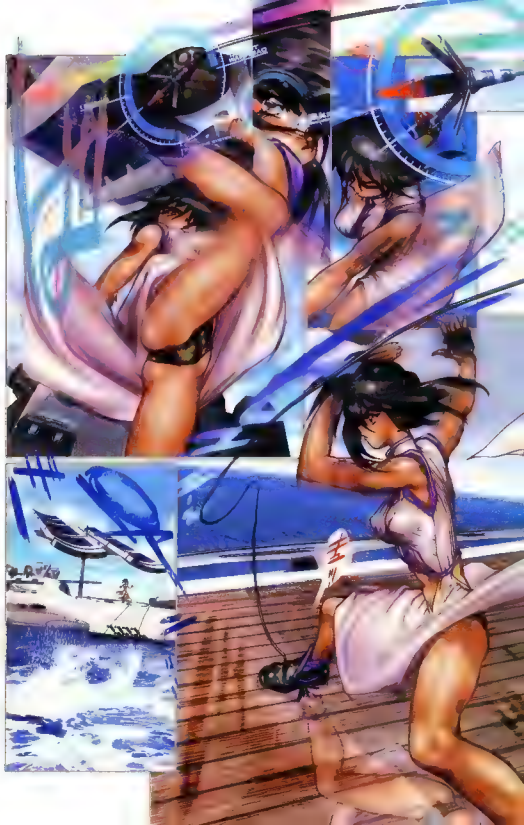
WHEN THE MATCH IS CLOSED THE SEAM IS VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE. THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF UNNATURALNESS, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY TECHNOLOGY HOW REGULARLY PRECISE THE TECHNOLOGY IS. OF COURSE, IF THE BODY IS TWISTED TOO FAR THE SEAM WILL SHOW, GIVING AWAY THE FACT THAT IT IS A SUIT.



THE TWO FLYING BOTS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FLYING HIGHER ABOVE THE SHIP, BUT IT DIDN'T FIT THE PICTURE RIGHT.



THE MILITARY SHIPS OF THIS PERIOD ARE HALF-SUBMARINES WHICH OPERATE ABOVE AND BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN. THEY CAN SURFACE TO ESCAPE AT HIGH SPEED IN EMERGENCIES, OR TO RECHARGE THEIR SOLAR CELLS. MULTI-HULLED AND MAGNETICALLY PROPELLED CRAFT ARE ALSO COMMON. THE DOCTOR'S BEHAVIOR HERE IS SHOWING MORE THAT HE IS NOT HOSTILE.



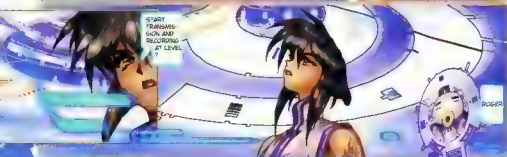


REX: COMING SET  
BODY SECURITY  
TO LEVEL B



CREEPY

WHY DO  
THEY  
BEHAVIOR  
USE CABLE  
LINKS...



START TRANS-  
MISSION AND  
RECORDING  
AT LEVEL 7

ROGER



WELL  
COME

DONE



SO HOW  
HAS EVERY-  
THING BEEN  
WORKING  
OUT?

WAIT  
SORRY  
THAT'S A  
STUPID  
QUESTION

I TRUST  
THAT  
YOU'VE  
BEEN  
PUTTING MY  
GIFTS TO  
GOOD USE



IF YOU PLAY WITH  
THOSE TOYS TOO  
MUCH YOUR BODY  
WILL BECOME  
UNBALANCED YOU  
KNOW

NEXT I WANT YOU  
TO MAKE A SINGLE-  
SHOT WEST  
MOUNTED MACRO-  
BOW WITH HALF-  
SIZE EXPLOSIVE-  
TIPPED AMMO.

MY REGULAR  
OUTPUT GUN'S  
ARE PEAKING IN  
THE MID-RANGE  
RANGE NOW TOO

WISH IT DIDN'T MEAN  
THAT THE MINI-  
GRENADE CAPACITY  
HAD TO BE REDUCED  
BUT THAT CAN'T BE  
HELPED



SPLITTING THE  
MUSCLE TISSUE  
TO FIT IN A  
TRIPLE BOW-  
GUN WAS A  
GOOD MOVE



HAVE YOU  
INSTALLED THOSE  
BUOYANCY TANKS  
WE MADE FROM NEW  
MATERIAL? THEY  
HOLD UP WELL AT  
THE DEPTH YOU  
SPECIFIED DON'T  
YOU THINK?

ENOUGH THAT YOU  
COULD GROUND  
THAT PLUS PLYING  
TOWARD YOU WITH  
YOUR BARE HANDS  
RAATHER THAN YOUR  
PEEP?



BUT YOU  
CAN  
ARRANGE IT  
SO THINGS  
DON'T GET  
UNBAL-  
ANCED  
RIGHT?



BUT IF YOU TRY TO  
CLIP IN ON INSEC-  
TRON CORPORATION'S  
PRODUCT LINE WITH  
THIS, THE CHANCES  
OF BEING FOUND OUT  
THROUGH THE FACT  
MANUFACTURE DATES  
ARE HIGH. IT WOULD  
BE BEST TO ESTAB-  
LISH A NEW LINE I  
THINK.

ABOUT THE MOD-  
IFICATIONS FOR  
THAT CABLE-  
LAYING SPIDER G-  
BOT, I CAN GIVE  
YOU THE BLUE-  
PRINTS TODAY.

I'M  
STILL  
TESTING  
THEM.

I SEE

IT PROBABLY ISN'T  
NECESSARY TO  
MENTION THIS, BUT IF  
MADE TO YOUR ORDER,  
THE CABLE THREAD  
WOULD BE STRONG  
ENOUGH FOR USE  
OUTSIDE THE NORMAL  
ATMOSPHERE.

I JUST  
MIGHT DO  
THAT.

I  
APPRECI-  
ATE THE  
ADVICE.

HE WERE IN THE KIND REAR KIDNEY AND BL... ... ... ...

NOW FOR THE  
MATTER OF  
PAYMENT, THIS  
TIME WE HAVE  
QUITE AN  
URGENT MATTER  
WE'D LIKE YOU  
TO ATTEND TO.

DON'T  
MENTION  
IT.

THANKS  
FOR THE  
WARNING.



ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT THE FACT MATRIKA'S HOUSEHOLD ROBOTS AREN'T SELLING SO WELL IS MY FAULT? I'VE GOT THREE OF THEM MYSELF.

THOSE  
PIPS  
CLEANING  
CITY  
OF YOU  
COME IN  
HONEY.

TWO HOURS AGO A DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD BY WORKERS THERE TO PROTEST OVER UNPAID WAGES.

IT'S THE PRODUCTION BASE OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED CORPORATION, MATRIKA.

THIS IS THE SOUTHERN COASTAL AREA OF THE INDUSTRIAL CITY HANAYA, IN CENTRAL NATEK.

IT'S ESCALATING INTO A SERIOUS BLOOD-BATH.

40 MINUTES AGO OVER 20 PEOPLE WERE MASSACRED AT THE UNION ASSEMBLY HALL, SETTING OFF A HUGE RACIAL CONFLICT.

THE 3RD PLATOON OF THE NATIONAL SPECIAL FORCES, UNDER THE COMMAND OF ULTRA-NATIONALIST COLONEL CHANFA.

AND THIS IS THE GROUP WHO ARE ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE.

ULTRA-NATIONALIST • ONE WHO BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THEIR NATIVE COUNTRY IS SUPERIOR TO OTHERS, AND THEREFORE DISDAINS OUTSIDE INFLUENCE FROM MEMBERS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES, RACES OR RELIGIONS.



YOU DON'T  
NEED TO TAKE  
INTO CONSIDERATION  
ANY INFLUENCE ON  
THE RISK

I WANT YOU TO  
DEAL TO THESE  
GUYS BEFORE A  
CIVIL WAR BREAKS  
OUT OR FOREIGN  
MILITARY INTER-  
VENTION HAPPENS



OK, I  
WON'T  
ASK ANY  
MORE  
THAN  
THAT

THAT POINT  
IS NOT  
OVERLY  
IMPORTANT

IF THE TRUTH  
IS EXPOSED IT  
WOULD ONLY  
SERVE TO  
ACCELERATE  
ANTI-GOVERN-  
MENT FEEL-  
INGS ANYWAY I  
SUSSES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE  
REASON THESE SOLDIERS DON'T  
TRY TO COVER THEIR TRUE INTEN-  
TIONS IS NOT LACK OF TRAINING.  
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE AT THE TOP  
OF THE FOOD CHAIN. THEY ARE THE  
CREAM, CONSISTING OF 12 HIGHLY  
TRAINED CRACK TROOPS

THAT MEANS  
NOTHING TO HER,  
YOU KNOW

HANNIBAL BOOT  
DECON-BOT  
"CLARA IT" ON  
SYSTEM C  
MOTO-CHAN PUT  
BERSERK  
ULTRA-VIOLENCE  
PACK C ON  
STANDEBY

CLARA: SINCE  
GATHER UP INFOR-  
MATION FROM THE  
JN AND JS  
DEFENSE DEPART-  
MENT  
REVISE THE BROADCAST  
SATELLITE'S  
ORBIT AND PREPARE  
TO BACK-UP B  
INTO BATTLE POS-  
ITIONS

ROGER

HAWH.  
I WONDER

WELL, ONCE IN A WHILE THIS  
KIND OF ROUGH JOB IS OK.  
I GUESS. BUT IT'S MUCH  
RATHER SOMETHING A BIT  
MORE REFINED, MEANINGFUL  
AND ELEGANT.

IT'LL BE  
AT LEAST  
9 HOURS  
UNTIL I  
CAN TAKE  
ACTION.



BY THE WAY,  
WHY IS IT  
THAT YOU  
PREFER  
DIRECT LINK-  
UPS?

YOU CAN PICK-UP THE  
USUAL SUPPLY  
MATERIAL ANYER  
WE'VE DROPPED IT  
OFF AT COORDINATE

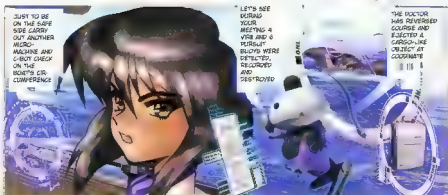
NOTHING  
FORGET  
ABOUT IT  
WELL, ENJOY  
YOUR JOB

WHAT?!

JUST TO BE  
ON THE SAFE  
SIDE CARRY  
OUT ANOTHER  
MICRO-  
MACHINE AND  
C-BOT CHECK  
ON THE  
BOAT'S CIR-  
CONFERENCE

LET'S SEE  
HURDLE  
YOUR  
MEETING 4  
VIR AND 6  
PURSUIT  
BUDS WERE  
DETECTED,  
RECORDED  
AND  
DESTROYED

THE DOCTOR  
HAS REVERSED  
COURSE AND  
EJECTED A  
CARGO-LIKE  
OBJECT AT  
COORDINATE



REX:  
CONVIN  
YOU CAN  
HEAD BACK  
TO THE  
SUB

MUSASHI!  
HELP MAX  
OUT

MAX! COLLECT  
THE DOCTOR'S  
SUPPLY TRUNK,  
CHECK IT, THEN  
SET US BACK  
ON COURSE

10-4



THERE  
YOU GO  
AGAIN,  
GIVING  
ME TOO  
MANY  
ORDERS

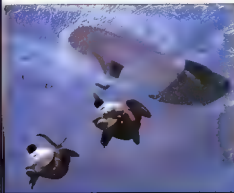
AFTER  
PICKING UP  
THE TRUNK,  
RETURN THE  
SHIP TO ITS  
PATROL  
ROUTE

MUSASHI! SEAL DECOY-  
BOT M-1, AND THEN  
PULSE-CLEAN THE CIR-  
CONFERENCE

UNIT M  
REMOTE  
UNIT C



DECOY-BOT • THE NAME GIVEN TO REMOTE CONTROL-  
LABLE ROBOT UNITS. THE WORD WAS FIRST USED  
DURING A TIME OF WAR AND ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A  
VERY ACCURATE EXPRESSION, IT'S USE IS WIDE-  
SPREAD IN THIS WORLD



BACK  
POSITION

URGENT  
SYSTEM-CHECK  
REPORT!

I'VE  
RETURNED  
MAIN SYSTEM  
SETTINGS TO  
NORMAL

IF ATTACK-MODE  
STATUS:  
IN 10 SECONDS  
CUT ALL NAVI-  
LINKS WITH THE  
SURFACE

OK





"WHY IS IT THAT  
YOU PREFER  
DIRECT LINKS—  
UP?"

WHEN DID THEY NOTICE  
THE LINK BETWEEN  
THE SHIP AND THE  
SLIP?

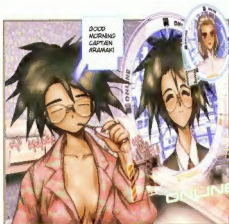
WITH  
PLEAS-  
URE

CONVINCE THE NEW  
DETAILS TO THE DOCTORS  
JOB-HISTORY LOG, AND  
SEE IF YOU CAN ESTIMATE  
HIS POSITION.

CHECK  
CLEAR,  
CONNECT  
ING NOW

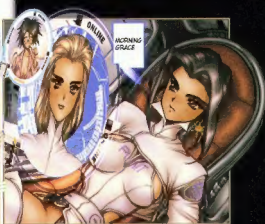
THAT'LL BE THE  
REGULAR  
CONTACT CALL  
BUT PUT IT  
THROUGH ON A  
SECURE LINE

YOU HAVE A  
CALL FROM  
HEAD  
SECRETARY  
GRACE



GOOD MORNING  
CAPTAIN ARUMAKI

ONLINE



MORNING  
GRACE



AT HOME OFFICE TIME 0742  
HOURS THERE WAS A LEVEL  
4 TERRORIST ATTACK AT  
THE NUMBER 2 FACTORY OF  
MEED-TECH CORPORATION

THERE'S BEEN A  
CHANGE IN  
TODAY'S SCHED-  
ULE. AN URGENT  
MEETING OF EXEC-  
UTIVES HAS BEEN  
CALLED FOR 0805  
HOURS



IT CAN BE OMITTED,  
FOR THE RISK GRAPH  
I WANT YOU TO CON-  
SIDER VISUAL IMPACT  
A BIT AND TAILOR THE  
ORAL CONTENT TO  
THAT.

SHOULDN'T  
OVERDO IT,  
THESE GUYS  
ARE ALL SPEE-  
CHALISTS.

OH, AND INVITE  
MEED-TECH'S  
PLANNING  
MANAGER  
REISRI-KUN  
TO THE  
MEETING



IT'S SEND THE  
PRELIMINARY  
DATA. SHALL I  
SUBMIT IT AT THE  
EXECUTIVE  
MEETING?



YES, PUNG-  
TIONING AT  
100%, AND  
WORKING  
LIKE A  
DREAM!

MUST BE THE WORK  
OF THE HUMAN LIB-  
ERATION FIGHT-  
ERS, A BUNCH OF  
REAL DELIGHT-  
FUL INDIVIDUALS. IS  
THE COUNTERMEAS-  
URE PROGRAM  
UNDERWAY?





IN THAT CASE  
I'LL RESCHEDULE  
YOUR MEETING  
WITH THE HEAD  
OF BISHALIN  
NOUTAI CORPORATION.

FROM 0803  
TO 0800  
HOURS I'M  
GOING TO BE  
CONDUCTING  
A SEARCH  
PURSUIT.

FOR ME AS  
THE RELIGIOUS  
CONFLICT  
MANAGER AT  
POSITION  
INDUSTRIAL  
CORPORATION  
THAT IS,  
ANYWAY.

A FEW SHOCK-  
ING WORDS AT  
A TOLERABLE  
LEVEL IS JUST  
RIGHT.

WELL, GOING FROM THE  
COMPLAINTS MADE AFTER  
THE PROGRAM ENDED IT  
LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE ALL  
OF A TOLERABLE LEVEL.  
I'VE INCLUDED ALL RELEVANT  
DATA IN THE FILE  
ALSO.

I HEAR  
THAT HE  
MADE  
SOME  
PRETTY  
OUTRAGEOUS  
STATE-  
MENTS?

I RECORDED THE  
"OO HEN, SOO  
WAYS" DEBATE  
WHICH MR. REBRAN  
APPEARED IN FOR  
YOU.



REX! AFTER  
PULSE CLEANING  
THE SUB ON THIS  
COURSE FOR  
ABOUT ANOTHER  
30 MINUTES LET'S  
HEAD FOR HOME.

CONWAY PUT  
HOME BASE  
AREA 18 ON  
STAND-BY.

OK

MASTER, DETERMINING  
THE DOCTORS POSITION  
HAS TURNED OUT TO  
BE A PROBLEM, WITH  
HAVING TO PICK UP  
THE SUPPLY TRUNK  
BEING A 10% FACTOR.

WILL A NAPLA HEAL  
FROM PREDONIA WITH  
A CUSTOM CAKE-SET  
BE SATISFACTORY FOR LUNCH?

IF JUDY CAN  
SHARE THE  
SAME TABLE AS  
PER THE RELI-  
GIOUS  
FREEDOM  
GUIDELINES, NO  
PROBLEMS

I'LL GET  
ONTO IT  
RIGHT  
AWAY

MAKE IT A PRI-  
ORITY TO KEEP ME  
UPDATED ON THE  
DEMONSTRATION  
INCIDENT IN  
HANAVA, NAZIK

I'LL ADD THEM  
TO ERIN'S  
RESULTS, AND  
SHOULD HAVE  
THEM READY  
TO SEND BY 9  
O'CLOCK

I'LL ALSO  
INCLUDE  
THE  
NOTES  
FROM  
THE  
SUSSEY  
COMPANY.

THE PRELIMINARY  
CHECK RESULTS  
ON THE THREE  
HEAD-HUNTING  
CANDIDATES HAVE  
COME BACK FROM  
THE PERSONNEL  
DEPARTMENT

IN THE AFTERNOON I  
HAVE SOME PRIVATE  
BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO  
SO I'LL BE OUT. PUT THE  
LINEAR LUNCH ANTI-TER-  
ROURISM SESSION WITH  
FELDONA AND RICARDO  
ON HOLD.

THAT  
WILL  
BE  
ALL.

# MANGA PROJECT

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